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# Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	10/631,004
Filing Date	July 31, 2003
First Named Inventor	Thomas HACKL
Art Unit	3683
Examiner Name	Devon C. Kramer
Attorney Docket Number	037068.52641US

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- ii ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323.
- i ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
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Signature		Date	October 30, 2006
Name (Print/Type)	Jeffrey D. Sanok/Mark H. Neblett	Registration No.	32,169/42,028

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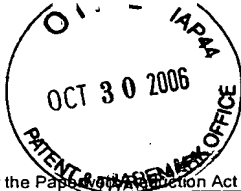
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

## For FY 2006

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 790.00

### Complete if Known

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### METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

- ☐ Check ☒ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify):  
☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: **05-1323 (Docket No. 037068.52641US)** Deposit Account Name: **23911**  
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### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	150	300	250	500	100	200	
Design	100	200	50	100	65	130	
Plant	100	200	150	300	80	160	
Reissue	150	300	250	500	300	600	
Provisional	100	200	0	0	0	0	

#### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Small Entity	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	25	50
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	100	200
Multiple dependent claims	180	360

Total Claims	Extra claims	Fees (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependence Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
-20 or HP	x	=				
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20						
Indep. Claims	Extra claims	Fees (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)			
- 3 or HP	x	=				
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 3						

#### 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/ 50 =	Round up to a whole number x	=	

#### 4. OTHER FEES

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	Fee Paid (\$)
Other Request for Continued Examination Fee	\$790.00

### SUBMITTED BY

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